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The reply filed on 9 April 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment does not address claims that are still drawn to non-elected embodiments. Specifically, claims 30, 56, and 63, which all fall within the elected group, all recite SEQ ID NOs. that were not elected by applicant. Applicant is required to amend the claims such that non-elected species have been removed. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley L. Sisson whose telephone number is (703) 308-3978. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1152. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-7230.

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